

Attorney's Docket No.: 5043P010

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application of:

Wei William

Application No.: 09/874,098

Filed: June 4, 2001

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS TO  
FACILITATE INDEPENDENT PROTECTIONS  
SWITCHING IN A DISTRIBUTED  
NETWORK

Examiner: Phirin Sam

Art Unit: 2661

Confirmation No.: 6034

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 (a)**

Sir:

Applicant respectfully petitions pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) for a two month extension of time to file this response to the Office Action mailed May 10, 2005. The extended period is set to expire on October 10, 2005. A check in the amount of \$450.00 is enclosed to cover the fee for a two month extension of time.

Please charge any shortages and credit any overages to our Deposit Account No. 02-2666.

Respectfully submitted,

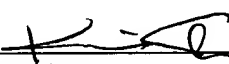
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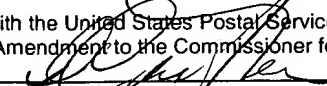
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